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**VIA ECFS**

August 4, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Consolidation of Commonly-Owned Study Areas  
Telapex, Inc., Holding Company for Delta Telephone Co., Inc. 280452  
And Franklin Telephone Co., Inc. 280454 in Mississippi  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

On behalf of Telapex, Inc. ("Telapex"), JSI respectfully submits the attached notice of consolidation in CC Docket No. 96-45. The attached was filed by hand delivery July 12, 2017, to provide the Wireline Competition Bureau ("Bureau") notice of the consolidation effective January 1, 2018, of Delta Telephone Company, Inc. and Franklin Telephone Company, Inc. study areas. At the request of Bureau staff, the notice of consolidation is hereby electronically filed in CC Docket No. 96-45.

Please direct inquiries regarding this filing to the undersigned consultant for the Company.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall  
Vice President

on behalf of

H. Wesley Goings, III  
Telapex, Inc.

Attachment

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July 11, 2017

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Telapex, Inc., Holding Company for Delta Telephone Company, Inc. 280452  
And Franklin Telephone Company, Inc. 280454 in Mississippi**

Dear Mr. Palmer,

Telapex, Inc. ("Telapex" or "Company") is the holding company for two incumbent local exchange carriers in Mississippi, Delta Telephone Company, Inc. ("Delta") which has a Study Area Code of 280452 and Franklin Telephone Company, Inc. ("Franklin") which has a Study Area Code of 280454. Telapex elected Alternative Connect America Cost Model ("A-CAM") support on a statewide basis for Delta and Franklin.<sup>1</sup>

Telapex hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") that effective January 1, 2018, the Company will consolidate the two study areas with Franklin being the surviving entity. Pursuant to FCC precedent, no prior approval is required when a holding company is consolidating existing study areas in the same state.<sup>2</sup>

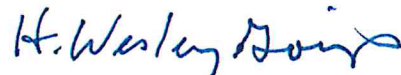
<sup>1</sup> See Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes 182 Rate-of-Return Companies to Receive \$454 Million Annually in Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support to Expand Rural Broadband; Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 17-99 (rel. Jan. 24, 2017) (listing Telapex as one of the companies electing A-CAM).

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Request for Clarification Filed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., and Petitions for Waivers Filed by Alaska Telephone Company, Ducor Telephone Company, and Kingsgate Telephone, Inc., Concerning the Definition of "Study Area" in the Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules, AAD 95-173, AAD 96-29, AAD 96-51, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 11 FCC Red 8156, 8160 (Com. Carr. Bur. July 16, 1996).

Ryan Palmer, Chief  
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Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "H. Wesley Goings, III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

H. Wesley Goings, III

cc: Alexander Minard, FCC  
Suzanne Yelen, FCC  
Victor Gaither, High Cost Program, Universal Service Administrative Co.  
Carol Brennan, National Exchange Carrier Association  
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